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Cotton and Peanut Production Forecast Up

Alabama continued to deal with late summer dryness across the Southeast with many regions still in need of rain. Even though the drier-than-normal conditions promoted fieldwork for corn, late developing crops were under increasing levels of stress.

Corn as of September 7 was rated 80 percent fair to excellent condition, with 98 percent of the corn mature. Corn acres harvested reached 56 percent, compared with 16 percent in 2009 and a five year average of 37 percent. The corn yield forecast increased by 12 bushels per acre from 2009. Corn production is expected to total 30,000,000 bushels.

Cotton planted and harvested acres are estimated at 345,000 and 343,000 acres, respectively. Cotton yield is expected at 630 pounds per acre, 38 pounds lower than 2009 with production forecast at 450,000 bales. Cotton condition was rated 70 percent fair to excellent condition, with 62 percent cotton bolls opening, up from 15 percent in 2009.

Peanut condition was 87 percent fair to excellent; 96 percent of peanuts were pegged, which is exactly where the peanut crop was in 2009. Peanuts planted and harvested acres are at 190,000 and 187,000 acres, respectively. The peanut yield is estimated at 2,900 pounds per acre, a drop of 200 pounds per acre from 2009; total peanut production is forecast at 542,300,000 pounds.

Soybean acreage decreased to 370,000 acres planted from 440,000 acres in 2009, with acres harvested at 360,000 acres. Yield is expected at 32 bushels per acre down 8 bushels per acre from 2009 for a total production of 11,520,000 bushels. Soybean condition was 67 percent fair to excellent, with 86 percent of soybeans setting pods and 38 percent dropping leaves.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, September 1

		Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2009	Indicated 2010	2009	Indicated 2010	2009	Indicated 2010	2009	Indicated 2010
Crop	Unit	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
ALABAMA		— Thousand —		— Thousand —		— Units —		- Thousand Units -	
Upland cotton ¹	Bales	255	345	248	343	668	630	345	450
Corn for grain	Bu.	280	270	250	250	108	120	27,000	30,000
Soybeans	Bu.	440	370	430	360	40	32	17,200	11,520
Peanuts	Lb.	155	190	152	187	3,100	2,900	471	542
UNITED STATES		— Thousand —		— Thousand —		— Units —		— Million Units —	
Upland cotton ¹	Bales	9,008.1	10,829.0	7,390.5	10,566.0	766	833	11.8	18.3
Corn for grain	Bu.	86,482.0	87,872.0	79,590.0	81,005.0	164.7	162.5	13,110.1	13,159.7
Soybeans	Bu.	77,451.0	78,868.0	76,372.0	77,986.0	44	44.7	3,359.0	3,482.9
Peanuts	Lb.	1,116.0	1,290.0	1,081.0	1,261.0	3,412	3,242	3,688.4	4,088.1

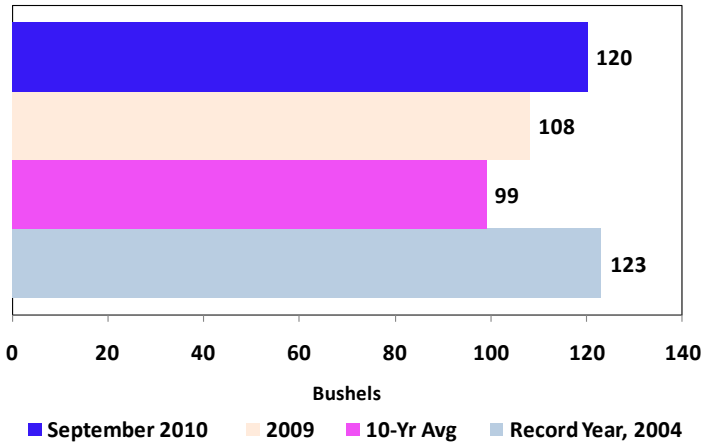
¹ Yield per acre indicated in pounds.

Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around September 1 and do not reflect changes in condition since that time.

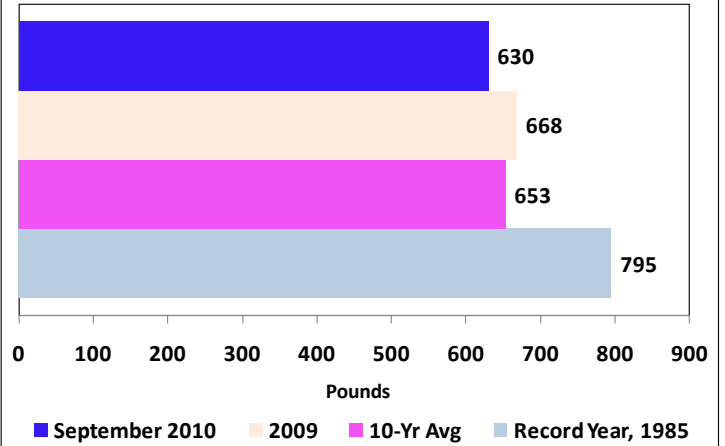
Results are based on the September Agriculture Yield Survey from a sample of approximately 300 producers. The NASS Alabama Field Office wishes to thank all the respondents who participated in the survey.

Alabama Crop Yield Statistics

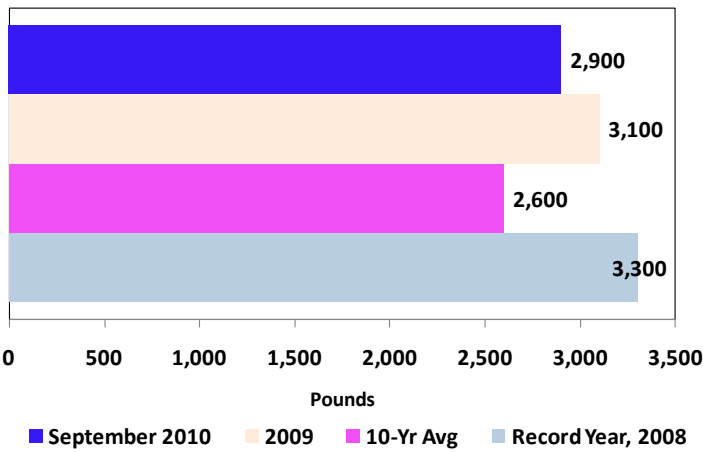
Corn Yield



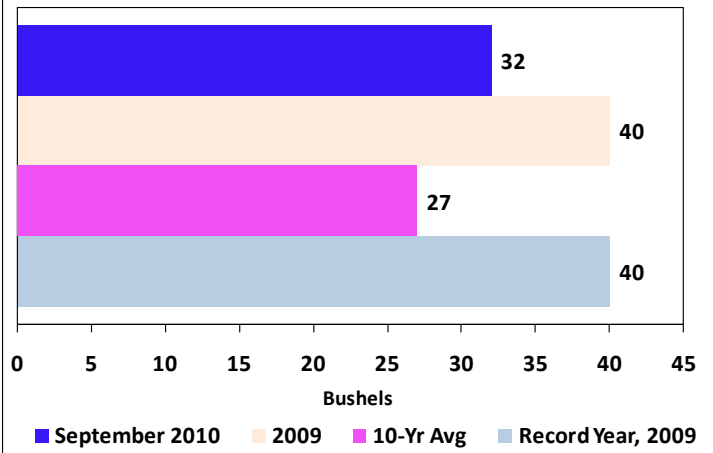
Cotton Yield



Peanut Yield



Soybean Yield



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